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**Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley & Officials of the
Greece Police Department Announce the Arraignment of Edward
Laraby for the Murder of Stephanie Kupchynsky**

Greece, NY- Today, Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley and officials of the Greece Police Department held a joint press conference to announce the indictment of Edward Laraby for the 1991 murder of Stephanie Kupchynsky. Kupchynsky, a music teacher who was 27 years old at the time of her death, disappeared on July 31, 1991 from her apartment in Greece. Her family, who reported her missing, later found her abandoned car in the long term parking lot at Rochester Regional Airport. Seven years later, her skeletal remains were discovered in a creek bed in Murry, Orleans County.

Edward Laraby, who was 38 at the time of the murder, was identified by police as one of the prime suspects in Kupchynsky's disappearance, but insufficient evidence existed at the time to make an arrest. A break in the case, however, came after years of investigative work by the Greece Police Department, who had remained in close contact with Laraby following his incarceration on a separate charge. The carefully constructed relationship that officers developed with Laraby—guided by advice from FBI criminal psychologists—resulted in the defendant's disclosure of critical facts relating to the Kupchynsky murder.

"I want to thank Sgt. Chizuk, Sgt. Ives, and Capt. Phelan of the Greece Police Department for their tireless dedication to this investigation," said Greece Police Chief Todd Baxter. "They spent years developing this case, and their refusal to let the memory of Stephanie Kupchynsky fade has now brought a measure of closure to the victim's family and closure to this community. I like to think that there's no such thing as a 'cold case', and I know that that notion is shared by our County's DA and all of the law enforcement professionals at the Greece Police Department."

District Attorney Doorley, Chief Baxter, and members of the Greece Police Department were joined by Greece School District officials who had played a significant role in the early days of the investigation. Kupchynsky was an employee of the district at the time of her murder, and the school district aided in the search and offered a reward for information leading to an arrest in the case.

“As District Attorney, it was incredibly gratifying to have a part in bringing Ed Laraby to justice. The credit for cracking this case, however, goes to the dedicated officers of the Greece Police Department,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “We’ve become accustomed to DNA evidence playing a defining role in such cases, but in this case, it was solid, professional police work and tenacity that brought about this indictment. Regardless of how much time has passed, every murder victim deserves justice, and I want to thank Sgt. Chizuk, Sgt. Ives, Capt. Phelan and all the members of the Greece Police Department for helping to ensure that Stephanie Kupchynsky’s killer will not remain at large.”

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